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SUBJ: UNFICYP DISCUSSIONS AT UN

REF: NICOSIA 2095

1. AMB SCHAUFLE CALLED ON GEN PREM CHAND AT UN MORNING OCT 11 TO DISCUSS WORKING PAPER ON UNFICYP REDUCTION, WHICH SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS PASSED US FEW DAYS AGO. (COPIES POUCHED DEPT AND INFO ADDRESSEES.) WHILE MEETING TOOK PLACE BEFORE REFTEL ARRIVED, CONCERNS WHICH IT EXPRESSED WERE COVERED. (INCIDENTALLY, US POSITION AND REASONS BEHIND IT HAVE ALSO BEEN SUBJECT TO DETAILED WORKING LEVEL TALKS; AT THESE TALKS WE ASKED FOR, AND READILY RECEIVED, ASSURANCE THAT USUN WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY EXPRESS US POINT OF VIEW TO GEN CHAD AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.)

2. AMB SCHAUFLE TOLD PREM CHAND THAT HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS UN TWO-STAGE PLAN TO REDUCE UNFICYP, ALTHOUGH MIDDLE EAST SITUATION HAD PREVENTED US FROM GIVING LATEST PAPER DETAILED ATTENTION IT DESERVED.

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US WOULD, HOWEVER, CAREFULLY STUDY PLAN, AND BE BACK TO

UN IF IT HAD FURTHER COMMENTS.

3. BETTER PART OF DISCUSSION CONCERNED PARA 6 OF UN PAPER. THIS PARA STATES THAT "PREREQUISITE" TO PHASE TWO REDUCTION WOULD BE COMMITMENT BY GOC AND TURK CYPRIOTS, UNDERWRITTEN BY GREECE AND TURKEY, "TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN PRESENT POLICY OF ENSURING THAT SIGNIFICANT INTERCOMMUNAL CLASHES, ESPECIALLY SHOOTING INCIDENTS, ARE PREVENTED." SCHAUFLE SAID HE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TURKEY WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A COMMITMENT. LIKE ALL MINORITIES, TURK CYPRIOTS WERE INEVITABLY SUPER-SENSITIVE ABOUT SECURITY, AND WOULD VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE SUCH A "NON-USE OF FORCE" COMMITMENT. MOREOVER, SINCE TURKS OPPOSED REDUCTION OF UNFICYP, IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THEY WOULD OPPOSE ANY PRECONDITIONS TO IT. FINALLY, WHAT SEEMED MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY COMMITMENT WAS THAT GOT AND OTHERS WERE IN FACT PREVENTING SIGNIFICANT INTERCOMMUNAL CLASHES FROM OCCURRING.

4. SCHAUFLE STRESSED THAT ON WHOLE UN PLAN SEEMED IMPORTANT STEP IN WHAT WE CONSIDERED RIGHT DIRECTION, I.E., LEANER, CHEAPER AND MORE MOBILE OPERATION.

5. UKUN SAW PREM CHAND EARLIER IN MORNING. THEY LATER TOLD US THEY HAD NOT OBJECTED TO IDEA OF COMMITMENT TO PREVENT INTERCOMMUNAL CLASHES SO LONG AS IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A PREREQUISITE TO REDUCTION.

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